

**Home Visiting Task Force
Executive Committee Meeting
July 14th, 2016**

MINUTES

Participants: Gaylord Gieseke (co-chair), Diana Rauner (co-chair), Teresa Kelly, Andrea Palmer, Claire Dunham, Katherine Staten, Kelley Washington, Elizabeth Stover, Deb Daro, Dan Harris, Anna Potere, Rima Malhotra, Penny Smith, Shannon Lightner, Gail Nourse, Audrey Moy, Sue Reynolds, Phyllis Bliven, Lynn Burgett

April 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes: the minutes were approved with no changes.

Status of the Home Visiting System in Illinois

- Illinois is a leader in home visiting in the country and it is critical to sustain this system. Therefore, it is important to have a conversation about what the Task Force can do to support this system and whether there is flexibility across funding streams to support the system.
- In preparation for this conversation, each agency funding home visiting programs was asked to share the following data for SFY15 and SFY16:
 - Caseloads
 - # served (families, children)
 - Programs currently functioning
 - Programs closed or reduced
 - Staff retention/turnover
 - Training enrollment/attendance
- DHS:
 - The data indicates that approximately 30% of the PTS and HFI programs have closed and that the service numbers have been reduced at approximately the same percentage. The overall reduction is 25-30%.
 - As follow up, Anna will request information from DHS regarding which eleven programs have closed and whether the reduction in FTE reflects normal turnover or the recent reductions in staff due to the budget impasse.
- ISBE:
 - FY16 data will be released in September or early October.
 - The FY15 data shows the following:
 - Woodridge School District 69 has closed, which served 24 families; however, this is not necessarily due to the budget impasse
 - 14,821 children were served.
 - 147 PI programs were funded. Approximately eight of these are center-based programs, and approximately four offer both home visiting and center-based services.
 - ISBE has received \$75M in additional funding to expand the Early Childhood Block Grant (ECBG) in FY17. 25% of this funding will be dedicated to the birth to three set-aside, which will be approximately \$18M after accounting for administrative and other costs.
 - ISBE hopes that with the expanded ECBG funding for FY17, programs will apply to fill capacity and enhance programming, including supervisors that provide reflective supervision, IMH consultation, and smaller caseloads.

- ISBE currently funds four Healthy Families programs, but because FY17 is a closed competitive competition they are not eligible to apply this year. In FY18, any program in Illinois will be eligible to apply for funding.
- Penny Smith will speak to Cindy Zumwalt and Reyna Hernandez regarding whether there is a possibility that programs currently receiving both ISBE and DHS funding for home visiting be prioritized in the FY17 application process. Additionally, Diana Rauner and Gaylord Gieseke will send a letter to Cindy and Reyna requesting that this be considered.
- MIECHV:
 - Funding has been stable, and as a result most programs have been able to sustain at their current levels. However, there is a challenge with DHS-funded programs that have closed or reduced services as a result of the budget impasse because MIECHV might be the only remaining funding stream.
 - The HRSA Project Officer is well-informed about the budget impasse and the potential impact on the Maintenance of Effort requirement. They are supportive of exploring the possibility to use ISBE funding to fulfill the MOE requirement.
 - Reauthorization for MIECHV ends in 2017, so it will be important to advocate for an extension.
- Ounce:
 - The data on training shows slight reductions in attendance as well as a reduction in those who actually attended the trainings versus those who registered.
 - Refer to handout for program closures and additional information.
- CPS:
 - One agency closed at the end of FY16: Illinois Action for Children Juvenile Justice, which serves teen families involved with juvenile justice and which served 24-36 families.
 - Refer to handout for additional information.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

- Anna Potere, Teresa Kelly, and Penny Smith will draft a statement for the Home Visiting Task Force summarizing current efforts regarding salary improvement to be presented at a future full meeting of the Task Force for feedback and approval.
- The following items will be added to the agenda for the next full meeting of the Home Visiting Task Force:
 - Partnership between IDPH and Home Visiting;
 - The State of the Home Visiting System; and,
 - ELC Restructuring.
- The Task Force will consider whether it is worthwhile to pursue changes in administrative code that will resolve the issue that CPS is able to require programs to do certain things but that ISBE is permitted only to encourage programs to do those things.
- The next full HVTF meeting is July 26th, 2016.
- The next Executive Committee meeting is October 4th, 2016.